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Group Art Unit: 3621

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-1210 DIV II

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: :  
: Koichi Maari :  
: Application No.: 10/690,911 : Group Art Unit: 3621  
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: Filed: October 22, 2003 : Examiner: M. A. Obeid  
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: For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING DIGITAL :  
: CONTENT DISTRIBUTION, A METHOD OF :  
: REPRODUCING DIGITAL CONTENT AND :  
: AN APPARATUS USING THE SAME :  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009, finally rejecting claims 38-52, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: